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...DOES HE BITE?

As a dog owner, you may have heard this question before—passers-by or children, eager to meet your furry friend, looking for some assurance of safety before they reach out to say hello. At Metro Animal Services (MAS), we hear this question frequently when we take animals out into the community. Our standard answer: all animals bite! While it's true that some animals may demonstrate behavior that lead us to believe they may be more or less prone to bite, the truth is that given the right circumstances, any dog can and will bite—even the beloved family pet. As responsible pet owners and pet lovers, it's up to us to prevent bites to ourselves or to others—and it starts with our behavior. MAS is celebrating National Dog Bite Prevention week from May 16-22 to raise awareness on how to prevent bites. Understanding dog body language, knowing the correct ways to interact with and introduce yourself to new canine friends, and knowing how to protect yourself in the event of an attack are all crucial steps in preventing bites. In addition, taking steps to protect your dog from threatening situations is critical. If your pet is uncomfortable around new people, loud noises or small children, you should remove your pet from those situations. If that isn't possible, it's your responsibility to make sure those around you abide by your rules for interacting with your pet. MAS offer educational programs for children and adults of all ages to teach ways to prevent bites. For more information and to schedule an interactive visit, contact our public education coordinator at 574-5390 or jessica.durbin@louisvilleky.gov.

Donate to MAS!

Your donation will help support and enhance programs that aren't covered by our general expenditures, such as The Spot Fund for our new state-of-the-art adoption campus, the animal care fund to enhance the lives of the animals in our shelter, and S.P.O.T., our low-cost, mobile spay and neuter clinic.

[Click here to donate now!](#)



CALENDAR

Upcoming events

May 22: volunteer orientation
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May 26: volunteer orientation
June 2: Rabies, License, and Microchip Clinic at MAS
June 5: Rabies, License, and Microchip Clinic at French Plaza
[Click here](#) for more information on all of our upcoming events.

DID YOU KNOW?

MAS offers a variety of interactive educations programs for all ages. Topics include bite prevention, care of companion animals, link between animal abuse and domestic violence, dog fighting, and much more. All of our programs are customizable to your audience size, age, space, and available time.

For more information, contact Jessica Durbin at 574-5390.

WISHLIST

- Liquid dishwashing soap
- Clorox bleach
- Paper towels
- Adult dog & adult cat dry food
- Puppy and kitten dry food
- Canned food of all kinds
- Puppy and kitten formula
- Free standing shelving
- Adopters & Foster Families!

[Click here](#) for our full list of needed items.

ATTENTION FELINE FANS!

Beginning June 1, 2010 MAS will permanently reduce the adoption fees for adult cats to \$50! Adoption fees include spay or neuter surgery, rabies vaccination, FVRCP combo vaccination, Felv/FIV combo testing, 30-day dose of Revolution, Louisville Metro cat license, and coupon book to Feeders Supply. MAS always has a large selection of adult cats looking for adoptive homes, and some stay with us for many months before being adopted. Come visit our adoptable adult cats at the shelter and at PetSmart on Hurstbourne Lane. You can also visit our [Petfinder page](#) for a sneak peak at all of our adoptable animals.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME



At MAS, our goal is always to put as many animals into forever homes as possible. However, adoption isn't the only way we work to find families for homeless pets. MAS works with many other area shelters and rescue organizations to help animals have a second chance at life. Recognizing the importance of partnership throughout the community, MAS has put renewed energy into the transfer process to increase the number of animals pulled from our shelter by other animal welfare groups like the Kentucky Humane Society, Shelby County Humane Society, Homeward Bound Rescue, and countless others. Since the beginning of 2010, our transfer rate has increased by 98 percent, and since April 2009, it is up a whopping 606 percent! MAS is thankful for a community of like-minded animal welfare agencies who are working with us to help find homes for more homeless pets in our community.

PET PERSONALS

Hello, my name is [Maude](#). I'm a mature girl at around 5 to 6 years old. The gray in my muzzle is evidence of wisdom rather than old age. I'm a beagle mix and medium in size, around 35 pounds. Despite being a mature girl and well past the puppy and adolescent sillies, I still love attention and want to be involved in your daily activities. I'm also curious and enjoy time outside in the fenced-in play yard where I can investigate all the different sights and scents. Because I'm part beagle, I'll be happiest in a home with other dogs or a stay-at-home human. I'm looking for someone who appreciates my calmer, grown-up attitude and who will make me an active participant in their life. If you're the one for me, please come by the shelter today to meet me. It will be helpful if you have my animal ID number when you come; that's A408073.



Hi there, [Adora](#) is my name. Around 2 years old, I'm a small tortie with medium length, super soft fur, tufts of fur on my ears and bright, orange eyes—I sure am Adora-ble! I'm gentle, affectionate, and like to be cuddled. I'm very good natured and get along with just about everyone. I'll be happy in a multi-cat home or as an only-pet, just as long as I receive the attention and love I deserve. I'll be a loyal friend to someone who can give me a forever home where I can lounge around and keep an eye on everything that's happening. I'll also join you on the couch for TV or occasionally join you in a great game. I'm a beautiful, easy-going girl; don't you have space in your home and heart for me? Come see me at PetSmart on Hurstbourne Lane or call the shelter for more information; have my animal ID A403734 available when you do.

UPDATE ON PREVIOUSLY FEATURED PETS: April's featured dog, Kina, was adopted into a new home! April's featured cat, [Harlee](#), is still searching for his forever family. Visit him at PetSmart on Hurstbourne Ln. today!

CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR ADOPTABLE PETS HERE!

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